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POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC
ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 12, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20060927) in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This Response is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period set for the response.

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